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It must be said that even though there has been an improvement in the administrative system, not all shortcomings in the management of lagging enterprises have been corrected. As mentioned previously in the press, there are still enterprises which are not meeting production plans.

Much remains to be done in reorganizing the administration of republic construction organizations. All construction should be concentrated under one ministry (with exception of construction of Union enterprises). At present, construction in the republic is scattered over a large number of construction organizations, including some very small ones. It is high time to consolidate these republic construction organizations and to create one Ministry for Construction in the Belorussian SSR.

REINFORCED-CONCRETE PARTS PRODUCTION IN LENINGRAD LACKS UNIFICATION -- Moscow, Promyshlennost' Stroitel'nykh Materialov, 8 Dec 50

The industrialization of construction methods has sharply increased the demand for prefabricated reinforced-concrete parts. For this purpose, the "Barrikada" Plant in Leningrad has considerably expanded its production. Until recently, this plant was producing only water pipes and curbstones. Now an increasing portion of its production is devoted to construction parts.

The production of reinforced-concrete parts is becoming more and more important. However, this branch of industry still needs much improvement and reorganization. In Leningrad, for example, a large number of enterprises are producing reinforced-concrete items and all of these enterprises are scattered over different government departments. Seven large and medium-sized enterprises are under the jurisdiction of the Leningrad City Soviet Executive Committee, but they are not united under one common administration. Two plants, "Barrikada" and "Stroydetal", are subordinated to the Administration of Construction Materials Industry. A number of other administrations and trusts have their own plants. This lack of unification has a negative effect on production. To protect state interests, it is imperative that all of these numerous enterprises producing prefabricated reinforced-concrete parts be united.

MOSCOW PLANNING, RESEARCH ORGANIZATIONS NOT COORDINATED -- Moscow, Promyshlennost' Stroitel'nykh Materialov, 12 Jan 51

Many planning and scientific research organizations in Moscow are working in the field of construction materials industry. The Technical Council of the Ministry of Construction Materials Industry USSR is responsible for coordinating and directing the efforts of all these organizations. Unfortunately, the Technical Council has restricted its activities to a narrow field within the ministry and does not take an interest in the work of other organizations. As a result, there is much duplication of effort and waste of scientific work. For example, "Promstroyproyekt" (Construction Planning of Industrial Enterprises) Trust is working on plans for new types of artificial driers, complex brick-making machines, unloading machines, etc. Much has been done by workers of TsNIIPS (Central Scientific Research Institute of Industrial Structures). However, the achievements of these workers have not been made available to the entire industry owing to the absence of a coordinating center. This function should be fulfilled by the Technical Council of the Ministry of Construction Materials Industry USSR.

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